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1. IN MID-JANUARY JAPANESE EMBASSY AGATT MATSUOKA INFORMED J. MCGUIRE, CHIEF US FOREST SERVICE, THAT GOJ HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE US TECHNICAL GROUP TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO LUMBER NON-TARIFF BARRIER ISSUES INCLUDING STANDARDS, REINSPECTION, AND LABELING. IN LETTER JANUARY 21 MCGUIRE CONFIRMED TO MATSUOKA THAT US TEAM MEMBERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES DURING WEEK OF

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ABLE FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES DURING WEEK OF

MARCH 22-26, 1976.

2. US PARTICIPANTS WILL BE A. DR. ROBERT L. ETHINGTON, ASST. DIRECTOR, TIMBER UTILIZATION RESEARCH, FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, MADISON, WIS.; B. WILLIAM E. PENOYAR, CONSTRUCTION AND FOREST PRODUCTS DIVISION, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DEPT. OF COMMERCE; C. H.A. (BOB) ROBERTS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, WESTERN WOOD PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION, 700 YEON BLDG, PORTLAND, ORE.

3. MCGUIRE-MATSUOKA LETTER ENCLOSES SUGGESTED SCHEDULE WHICH MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
MARCH 16, 1545 HOURS, ARRIVE TOKYO (IMPERIAL HOTEL)

MARCH 17 MORNING BRIEFING MEETING AT EMBASSY FOLLOWED BY SESSION WITH WEYERHAEUSER AND MITSUBISHI LUMBER PRODUCTS DEPT. REPS. BULLET TRAIN TO OSAKA IN P.M. (OSAKA ROYAL HOTEL)

MARCH 18 MORNING MEETING WITH CONSUL-GENERAL AND STAFF.

SESSION WITH MITSUI LUMBER DEPT STAFF.;

MARCH 19 VISIT TO HANKYU-NISSEI NEW TOWN, KAWANISHI CITY TO VIEW TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION AND TO OSAKA AND KISHIUZDA PORT FACILITIES;

MARCH 22 (TOKYO) OFFICIAL MEETING OF USG MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WITH GOJ COUNTERPARTS;

MARCH 23 TECHNICAL CALLS AND DISCUSSIONS AT MAF AND MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION;

MARCH 25 SECOND MEETING OF USG DELEGATION MEMBERS WITH GOJ COUNTERPARTS. DEBRIEFING AT EMBASSY.

4. FOREST SERVICE HAS WRITTEN TO AGATT THOMASSON REGARDING THESE ARRANGEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DELEGATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBER ROBERTS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CONGEN OSAKA. MATSUOKA HAS ALSO APPARENTLY BEEN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH MAF.

5. US DELEGATION MEMBERS ROBERTS AND ETHINGTON ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PNRC WOOD SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 2 IN PORTLAND, OREGON. US DELEGATION EXPECTS TO MEET IN TOKYO WITH DR. HIDEO SUGIYAMA OF

UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO AND SYOGO ABE OF MAF, WHO HAVE BEEN
SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN WOOD SYMPOSIUM (TOKYO
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